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NINTH COUNCIL DISTRICT**

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DATE: February 9, 2022
TO: Mayor Todd Gloria
FROM: Council President Sean Elo-Rivera 
SUBJECT: Recommended Projects for the Climate Equity Fund FY2023
– Council District 9

I am excited to recommend the projects below to be funded by the Climate Equity Fund. The list includes long-documented needs, community priorities, and new ideas, all of which address in some way District 9's many environmental challenges. Each description notes if the project is for climate change mitigation, which refers to reducing the future impacts of climate change, or climate crisis resiliency, which refers to adapting to the effects of the climate crisis already impacting the District.

The Climate Equity Fund has the potential to be a catalyst for meaningful, tangible improvement for District 9 residents, and I look forward to working with you to build a more sustainable and equitable San Diego. Should your office have any questions about the recommended projects, please contact Brendan Dentino at dentinob@sandiego.gov.

FY23 Climate Equity Fund projects recommendations – Council District 9

CIP P20005 – Chollas Triangle Park
Requested amount: TBD
Climate change mitigation and resiliency

City staff is preparing a General Development Plan (GDP) for Chollas Triangle Park, located on a triangular parcel bounded by Chollas Parkway, 54th Street, and University Avenue. Our office requests that resources are invested in this high-priority project to move it from preliminary engineering to the design phase.

CIP B17113 – Chollas Creek to Bayshore Multi-Use Path

Requested amount: TBD

Climate change mitigation

Long in development, the proposed Chollas Creek Multi-Use Path would connect Chollas Creek to the Bayshore Bikeway. Completing the Chollas Creek project will provide access to downtown and San Diego Bay for communities in Districts 4, 8 and 9, and provide active transportation improvements to communities long lacking such investments. Our office requests that resources are invested in this project to move it from the preliminary engineering phase to the design phase.

CIP N/A – El Cajon Boulevard street and safety improvements, 36th St to 54th St

Requested amount: TBD

Climate change mitigation

El Cajon Boulevard has successfully piloted bus-only lanes, and a section between 47th Street and 49th Street is scheduled for resurfacing under Mayor Gloria's "Sexy Streets" program. However, El Cajon Boulevard remains one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in the City. Our office requests the following investments on El Cajon Boulevard:

- Bus-only lanes made permanent with red paint and appropriate signage.
- "Sexy Street" investments expanded from 36th Street to 54th Street, the portion of El Cajon Boulevard eligible for the Climate Equity Fund.
- Enhance safety, lighting, and comfort at each bus stop between 36th and 54th Streets. Amenities should include tree shading and bench seating.

CIP N/A – University Avenue transit stop improvements, 36th St to 50th St

Requested amount: TBD

Climate change mitigation

University Avenue Complete Streets Phase 1 (CIP S18001) will result in improvements to University Ave between Fairmount and Euclid Avenues, and SANDAG's University Bikeway project will result in many infrastructure improvements between Estrella Avenue and 70th Street. However, these projects leave unaddressed enhancements to transit stations between 36th and 50th Streets, a stretch of University Ave eligible for CEF investment. It is essential that safety, lighting, and comfort are enhanced at each bus stop in this section. Amenities should include tree shading and bench seating.

CIP N/A – Tree canopy in Communities of Concern

Requested amount: \$750,000

Climate change mitigation and resiliency

The City's draft CAP update includes a goal of 35% tree canopy cover by 2035, with a focus on tree canopy in Communities of Concern. To progress toward this goal, the City should fund tree planting in District 9's CEF-eligible census tracts.

New CIP – Beta and Green Street Alley and Flood Control

Requested Amount: TBD

Climate resiliency

Many homes south of Southcrest Trails Park are inundated with water when it rains. A Beta St and S37th St Drainage Study and Concept Design is underway to evaluate the subwatershed to determine the appropriate drainage improvements to address the localized flooding on Beta Street Alley and S 37th Street. Our office requests that resources are invested in this project to move it closer to fruition.

CDBG-eligible projects

Our office recently recommended CDBG-eligible Capital Improvement Projects. Many of the recommended projects are also eligible for the CEF, which are listed below. Full project descriptions can be found in our January 31, 2022, memo to Christina Bibler, Director, Economic Development Department. Considered together, CDBG and the CEF can fully fund important projects quicker or fund a wider breadth of projects.

- CIP B22000 – El Cajon Boulevard HAWKS
- CIP B18054 – ADA Improvements in Mid-City
- CIP AIH00001 – Unfunded Street Lights
- New CIP Project – Menlo Avenue Street & Sidewalk Improvements
- New CIP Project – Home Avenue Street Repair
- New CIP Project – Dennis V Allen Park GDP Amendment

FY23 Climate Equity Fund projects recommendations – Other Council Districts

Alongside the projects above in Council District 9, I would like to highlight important projects in other Council Districts that should be considered for CEF investment.

CIP S00752 – Breyer Park Development, Council District 8

Amount requested: \$3,500,000

Located at Beyer Boulevard and Enright Drive, this project consists of the design and construction of Beyer Park. As noted in Councilmember Moreno's budget priority memo, \$3.5 million is needed for Phase I. A mix of funding sources, including the CEF, should be considered to fund Phase I.

New CIP – Marie Widman Memorial Park Public Safety Redesign and Enhancements,
Council District 4

Amount requested: TBD

This park is a significant cultural asset to the surrounding community, and enhancements should include, but are not limited to, upgrading the tot lot to meet state and federal requirements, repurpose of gymnasium for exhibits/events, hardscape/landscape, foot trails and gardens, park playground equipment upgrades, comfort station upgrades, lighting and electrical/wi-fi upgrades, outdoor amphitheater/stage, cross walk upgrades with specific design, streetscape and signage, bus shelter upgrades, and public artwork.

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